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Reflections
The Redeemer College Newsletter

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From the President

I would like to begin every issue of our newsletter by bringing greetings from the College to you, and this one is no exception. Hearty greetings from all of us here at Redeemer College! We continue to do well, and we are greatly blessed; we give thanks to the Lord for His continued care over us. The Lord is truly faithful to His Word, and as long as we do His will we will also be assured of His blessing. May I ask you for your prayers because it is so easy to depart from His will, but if we all stay close to the Lord we have the assurance that we will receive the guidance of the Lord.

Our second year is in full swing. The midterm exams are behind us, and we are already looking toward the end of the first term. Time certainly flies, doesn't it! Every week 166 full-time and approximately 60 part-time students attend classes at the College. It is busy with so many people walking around and doing their work, because in addition to our students we, of course, have our staff and our faculty. Together we are one large family doing things together for all those who are connected with Redeemer College. It is our purpose to give a solid Christian education to our students. By doing this we all learn and are grateful that we are privileged to be involved in our College.

It has been busy, not only as far as our educational program is concerned, but also as far as other meetings and other visitors at

the College are concerned. We were very pleased to welcome our senior citizens to the College on October 31. We hope that this will become an annual event and we also hope that more and more of our older people will take the time to visit the College.

Also the annual meeting of the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools was held at the College. We are grateful that all the school systems are together under one roof so that much interchange can take place. We can learn from each other and we are also able to help each other build our Christian school system in Eastern Canada.

Finally, the conference and the Council of Christian Reformed Churches in Canada was held during the first week in November. People from all parts of the country came in order to work together discussing the task of the church in Canada. We welcomed all these people and we hope that we will increasingly see more and more people make use of our facilities; after all, Redeemer College wants to be of service to the Christian community at large.

This issue deals particularly with our annual drive which will be held in the second half of November. May I ask you to read the explanation given in this issue carefully. We hope to come once a year to you to ask you for your annual donation for Redeemer College. However, since this is going to be the first time that we have this drive in November, there will be a little bit of an overlap. That will also be explained in this issue. We are again asking you to give us $10 per month per family. Last year we promised that we would not increase this amount per family. Because so many of you faithfully gave, we are now indeed able to keep our promise to ask for no more than what we did last year. May we ask you to prayerfully consider what you can do for us. We certainly hope that all our supporters will give us the requested $10 per month per family and that many others will join so that we will not have to worry about the finances as far as our operating budget is concerned. At the same time may I take this opportunity to thank each and every one for the tremendous support we are experiencing from day to day and from week to week. Please continue to support us and to pray for us; we are confident that you will do precisely that. We pray that God will bless us all so that we may continue to be of service to Him in whatever task it may be that the Lord has given us.

Hearty greetings! God's blessing!

Rev. H.R. De Bolster, President

Information Nights

This year, Redeemer College has scheduled no fewer than 33 information evenings across the province for potential Redeemer College students *and* their parents. All those who plan to pursue any form of post-secondary education are invited to join us. There is no obligation, of course.

Regardless of whether a student is a Grade 12 Christian High School or Public High School graduate, a Grade 13 graduate, or a mature student, or whether a student is inclined to continue his/her studies at a Christian College, community college or University, all students and parents may come to get a complete picture of what Redeemer College has to offer.

The decisions that young men and women will make concerning their post-secondary education is one of the most significant decisions of their lives. For this reason, they and their parents should become as familiar as possible with all the options available.

The dates and locations of each meeting are:

Mon. Oct. 17 - Chatham 1st
Wed. Oct. 19 - Strathroy Westmount
Fri. Oct. 21 - Sarnia II
Mon. Oct. 24 - Lucknow
Tues. Oct. 25 - Clinton
Wed. Nov. 2 - Owen Sound
Fri. Nov. 4 - Montreal
Mon. Nov. 7 - Williamsburg
Tues. Nov. 8 - Ottawa Calvin
Wed. Nov. 9 - Renfrew
Mon. Nov. 28 - Kitchener (9:00)
Tues. Nov. 29 - Guelph (9:00)
Wed. Nov. 30 - Peterborough (8:30)
Fri. Dec. 2 - Aylmer
Mon. Dec. 5 - Brockville
Tues. Dec. 6 - Kingston (8:30)
Wed. Dec. 7 - Trenton (9:00)
Thurs. Jan. 19 - Whitby
Mon. Jan. 23 - Barrie 1st
Tues. Jan. 24 - Newmarket
Wed. Jan. 25 - Bowmanville Maranatha (8:30)
Thurs. Jan. 26 - Chatham (1st Reformed Church)
Mon. Jan. 30 - Mississauga Meadowvale
Tues. Jan. 31 - Brampton Immanuel
Wed. Feb. 1 - Toronto II
Thurs. Feb. 2 - Scarborough
Mon. Feb. 6 - London Bethel
Tues. Feb. 7 - Redeemer College
Wed. Feb. 8 - Drayton (8:30)
Thurs. Feb. 9 - Woodstock Maranatha
Mon. Feb. 13 - Jarvis
Wed. Feb. 15 - St. Catharines Maranatha
Thurs. Feb. 16 - Smithville

Anyone interested in simply learning more about Redeemer College and its programs is also heartily welcome. The evening will include a 20-minute slide presentation and a brief verbal presentation followed by an open discussion. Unless otherwise noted, the meetings will commence at 8:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there! □

Prayer Request

Medical tests have confirmed that Redeemer student Art Vander Stelt of Brantford has another brain tumor. Surgery has been ruled out. The medical prognosis is not good. Please remember Art and his family in your personal, family and community prayers.

Susan Vander Vaart

With appreciation, Chairman of the Board, Nick Van Duyvendyk, presents wall plaque with the Redeemer College coat of arms to Gary Van Eyk of St. Catharines, who, along with John Van Rooyen of Chatham, has completed his term on the Board of Governors. Mr. Van Rooyen was absent during the presentation.

Thank You, Mrs. V.

Mrs. Susan Vander Vaart recently resigned as Housing Co-ordinator at Redeemer College, a resignation which was accepted with much regret.

Due to the expansion of the student body and the hiring of additional personnel in the Student Affairs Division, resulting in a realignment of duties and responsibilities, Mrs. Vander Vaart felt that her day to day involvement at Redeemer should come to an end.

In an assembly held at the end of October, Student Affairs Director Arend Kersten presented Mrs. Vander Vaart with a wall plaque of the College Coat of Arms.

In his remarks, Mr. Kersten made mention of Mrs. Vander Vaart's special contribution to Redeemer College and its student life.

Prior to the official opening of Redeemer in September, 1982, it had been projected that 50 full-time students would enroll. It was anticipated that out-of-town students would reside in room and board homes throughout the greater Burlington-Hamilton area.

However, when it became apparent that more students than expected would enroll and that more room and board housing would be needed than was available, Mrs. Vander Vaart located and was able to negotiate acceptable arrangements for the leasing of the "dorms" on Francis Road.

When the enrollment rose significantly for the second year, Mrs. Vander Vaart was able to arrange the leasing of additional units so that Redeemer now has 14 dorms (as compared to last year's 7 units).

Redeemer considers the dorm arrangement as one of the miracles it has experienced. The City of Burlington's lease vacancy rate is virtually nil and the obtaining of 14 units in two housing complexes is most unusual. Redeemer doesn't even want to think about how its enrollment would have been adversely affected had the dorms not been available. A major factor in the decision of many students to come to Redeemer was the availability of the dorms.

Redeemer recognizes Mrs. Vander Vaart's role in this whole matter. Mr. Kersten, in his comments at the assembly, stated, "Susan, I don't know how we would have done it without you!"

In addition to obtaining the dorms, Mrs. Vander Vaart was also responsible for the whole food program, including menu preparation, food purchasing, food distribution, cook training and supervision. It is no small order to see to it that 130 dorm students have enough food to eat each day.

Mrs. Vander Vaart also played the role of surrogate mother for many of our students. She was the "mom away from home" and provided a "soft shoulder" when students experienced problems in their transition to college life. The students affectionately called her "Mrs. V." After Mr. Kersten's remarks at the assembly, the students gave Mrs. Vander Vaart a standing ovation.

Thank you, Mrs. V.! □

—Board Meeting—September 24, 1983

Chairman Van Duyvendyk and President De Bolster.

At the Board meeting (from left to right), Dr. Al Wolters, Bert Bakker, Adrian Guldemond, Nick Van Duyvendyk, Rev. Henry R. De Bolster and Gary Van Eyk.

Executive 1983-1984

Front Row (left to right): Adrian Guldemond (Secretary), Nick Van Duyvendyk (Chairman), Rev. Henry R. De Bolster (President), Albert Bakker (Vice Chairman).
Back Row: May Drost, Rev. John Zantingh, Bruce Dykstra, Kees Vreugdenhil (Treasurer).

—Faith in Action—*Redeemer Students participate in anti-abortion rally*

Wynne Kroontje (Sarnia)
1983-84 Student Council President

by Wynne Kroontje

Have you ever heard the line, "the silence was deafening?"

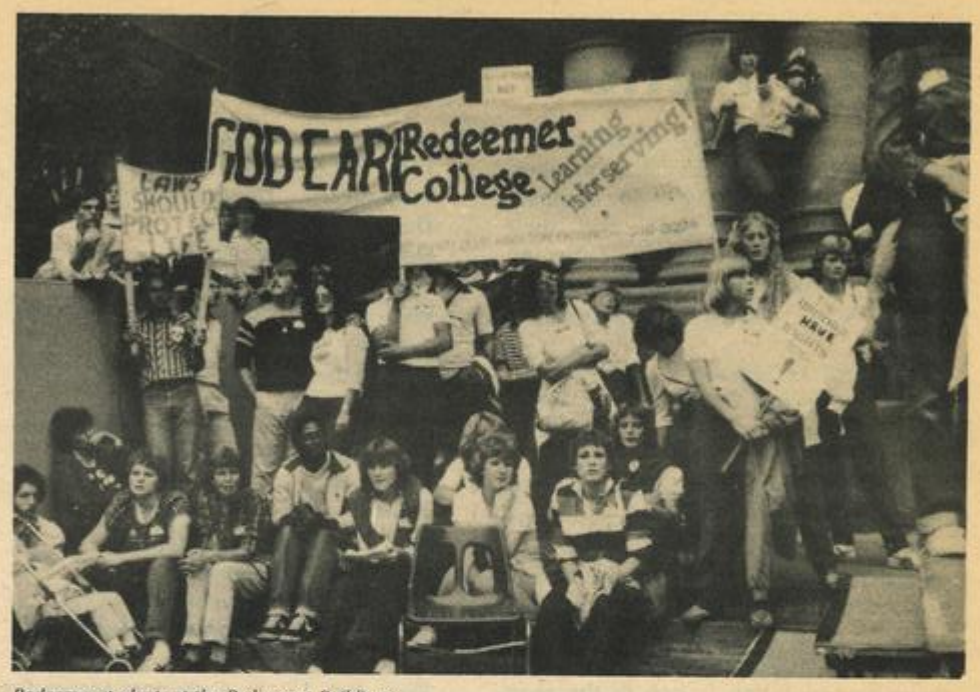
I hate to use a cliché, but that phrase really said it all. Without an utterance, we made a declaration of who we were and what we stood for while we silently marched down Harbord Street in Toronto.

On Saturday, October 1st, two busloads of Redeemer College students travelled to the Pro-Life Rally at Queen's Park to "come out of the closet" yelling. As we silently passed the Morgentaler Clinic, we noticed the Pro-Choice's cardboard reply: Gone to City Hall; Be back Monday.

This is all too true. We made a strong statement but the smaller voice of the other rally represented a harsh reality. We've got to be ready to express more.

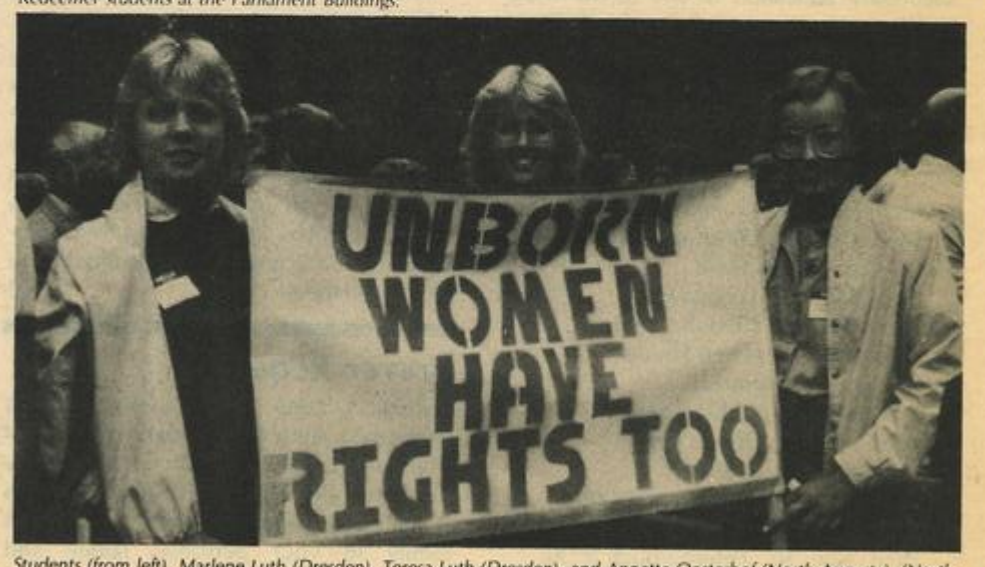
Did our participation help? I hope so. Yet, if we ponder about the number of unborn we were speaking for, the effect was not potent enough. There are many other opportunities for Christians to articulate their convictions such as petitions and letter campaigns.

Will we remain silent as the spokespersons of the voiceless? □



Redeemer students at the Parliament Buildings.

Walking past the Morgentaler Clinic, students (from left), Diana Pool (Sarnia), Wilma Lammers (Burlington), and Judy Huyer (Pickering).



Students (from left), Marlene Luth (Dresden), Teresa Luth (Dresden), and Annette Oosterhof (North Augusta). (North Augusta is a suburb of Athens, Ontario.)

CAMPAIGN 1983

November 14-18

Dear Friends:

As we stand on the threshold of another major campaign in order to raise financial support for Redeemer College, it is good for a moment to reflect on past and present circumstances.

Many of you will recall that before Redeemer opened its doors for the first time in September, 1982, a student body with 50 full-time students had been projected. You know how the Lord suprised us by sending 97 full-time students, as well as a number of part-time students.

Before we opened, we had projected that in 5 years we would have a full-time student body of 150 students. But, as a result of what happened the first year, we revised our dates and projected that for the current school year we would have 150 full-time students. Again, the Lord surprised us! As many of you know from the last issue of *Reflections,* Redeemer College enrolled 168 full-time students and 60 part-time students when it began its second academic year in September 1983.

With humility we also want to recognize how the Lord has blessed us in other areas. We now have 9 full-time faculty members as well as 15 part-time instructors. We are thankful for the availability of dorms, for new people who have joined us on staff, for the continued progress and growth of the library and for the availability of facilities we now occupy. In addition, we are very grateful for the recognition that the Redeemer College program has received which has been demonstrated in a visible way by the fact that a number of our students from last year are now enrolled at other Christian and public institutions. Universities in Ontario have recognized the quality and depth of our program and sister Christian colleges have extended generous credit transfer for Redeemer students.

While we remain very optimistic about the future, we also procede in a spirit of careful and realistic planning. It is for that reason,considering what has happened the past two years, that we are projecting a student body of some 210 full-time students for September, 1984.

During our first year of operation, we had approximately 32 courses available. This year, we have over 60 and we expect that next year over 100 courses will be available to our students. It stands to reason that if we want to keep students at Redeemer, we must provide an expanded program so that they can get their courses in their entirety. For that reason, a search has been initiated for no less than 6 additional full-time professors.

One of the most pressing challenges that Redeemer faces with the other Christian colleges, is the availability of properly qualified professors. As we look for people in various fields and disciplines, we ask also for your prayers so that the Lord may direct men and women to Redeemer in order to allow us to expand our program.

From the beginning, we have always tried to be very honest with our members, supporters and friends. We have tried to share with you our joys and disappointments as fairly and as honestly as we could. It goes without saying that mistakes have been made in the past and we all know at Redeemer that as long as we continue to work, additional mistakes will be made. We plead for your forgiveness where we have done wrong and we ask for your prayers so that we may continue to be guided and directed as we continue to attempt to serve the Lord in preparing young men and young women for service in His Name.

We have also always been very honest and upfront with you with regard to our financial picture.

You know that we are committed to being the college of all God's people. We believe at Redeemer College that the Lord has blessed us in the area of financial support as well because we truly want to be the college of the "grassroots"—that is the college of all God's people—regardless of whether an individual is a professor, a minister, a lawyer, the owner of a business, an assembly line worker, a secretary, a housewife, a back-hoe operator or a farmer's laborer. We want all these people to be equal partners in the great work of Christian post-secondary education. That is why each one of our supporters is as important to us as the next.

It is our conviction that by going to *all* of God's people and sharing with them honestly the complete financial picture and proceeding in the spirit of genuine humility and deep dependency on the Lord, that He will bless our efforts. He certainly has done so in the past. We presently have close to 6,000 members and supporters, and we rejoice that God's people supported Redeemer College to the degree that we were able to end our first actual operating year with an operating budget surplus of over $67,000. Even our auditors were surprised at the amount of financial support that Redeemer College had received, particularly in the light of the difficult economic times in which we live.

But, that was last year. We are now in a new year.

We are not going to resort to any gimmicks or play any word games, but again, as honestly and as clearly as possible we are laying before you the realities regarding finances at Redeemer College.

For the 1983-1984 operating budget (July 1st, 1983-June 30th, 1984), the Board of Governors of Redeemer College has adopted an operating budget of $1,207,000.00. Redeemer also has a student aid budget of $228,500.00; a dormitory budget of $232,495.00 and a capital fund budget of $210,300.00.

In terms of our operating budget, our students already pay a healthy proportion. It is our long-range goal that students, who benefit from the program at Redeemer College on a direct basis, will be responsible for 80% of the requirements of the operating budget. Already this year, even though it is only our second year of operation, the students contribute over 60% of the operating budget.

That does mean, however, that not all of the financial requirements of Redeemer College are being met.

It would be unacceptable to think that our students could pay that complete cost of attending Redeemer College, for that would come to an amount which most of them would be unable to pay. Already this year, the tuition for each student is $4,600.00 and for those who live away from home, there is an additional cost of $1,655.00 for living in the dorms, as well as meeting the costs related to books and transportation.

Simply put, in order for Redeemer College to meet the needs of the operating budget so as to keep its doors open, a lot of money has to be raised during the current fiscal year.

In keeping with our "grassroots" philosophy, we are now requesting our members and friends to support Redeemer College with $10.00 a month.

It has always been our conviction that Redeemer College is a natural extension of the Christian elementary and secondary education now available throughout Eastern Canada. We now have some 65 elementary Christian schools and another 12 regional Christian High Schools throughout Eastern Canada. Now that there is a Reformed Christian College located in Eastern Canada many more students than ever before are attending an institution of Christian post-secondary education. Many of our students have indicated to us that had it not been for the fact that Redeemer College is located in Ontario, they would have gone to another public institution.

At the same time, precisely because it considers itself an extension of Christian education available at the local level, Redeemer College did not want to jeopardize the financial support for institutions in various localities. For that reason, it decided to build as large a membership base as possible and instead of asking for a lot of money from a few people, it decided to ask for a reasonable or small amount from many people. It is the feeling of Redeemer College that by asking for $10.00 per month per family, local support efforts on behalf of the Christian Schools and/or church will not be jeopardized.

In the past, we have had grassroots fund-raising campaigns in various communities on a rotating basis. However, in the interest of efficiency, we have decided that we would conduct the campaigns simultaneously in each of our support communities during November. It is our hope that rather than flooding you with requests for support through the mail, we will be able to raise enough money during this campaign so that we will have to approach our friends and supporters only once a year. It is further our feeling that since we are approaching the end of the calendar year, when people have a better idea in terms of their year end financial status, that we have the campaign each year at this time.

During the week of November 14, many of you will be visited by volunteer representatives of Redeemer College. They will ask you for $10.00 a month. Whether you give that in the form of one cheque for $120.00 or a series of post-dated cheques or whether you use the pre-authorized payment plan in which an amount determined by you automatically comes out of your bank account each month and is deposited in the Redeemer College bank account, is a matter of your choice. But we do want to emphasize as strongly as we possibly can that in order for us to meet our financial requirements, we need 6,000 friends, members and supporters giving us an average of $10.00 a month for 12 months.

We know that in some churches the campaign for support for Redeemer College was held in the spring of this year. We are somewhat embarrassed by the fact that we are coming back to you twice in one year. However, we remind you that it is our intent to visit you every year in November and that is why for this year only we may be coming to you twice in one year. If you have supported us with $10.00 a month from, say February 1983 to February 1984, then we would respectfully request that you present to the campaign canvasser the support from February 1984 to November 1984.

Friends, when campaign canvassers come to your door on behalf of Redeemer College, remember that they are coming there because they believe in the absolute necessity of Christian post-secondary education. They are giving freely of their time and talents. Many of them feel very uncomfortable approaching you for financial support. Remember that they are not asking for themselves. Remember also that they are not asking for Redeemer College. They are really asking on behalf of the Lord so that more young men and women can be prepared to serve Him in whatever vocation so that His purposes will be accomplished and His Kingdom come.

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Yours in the service of our Redeemer,
Rev. Henry R. DeBolster

$10.00 per month

GOAL
$540,000.00

(Memberships, Donations, Student Aid, Capital Donations)

Capital Budget and Student Aid Fund end year in the RED

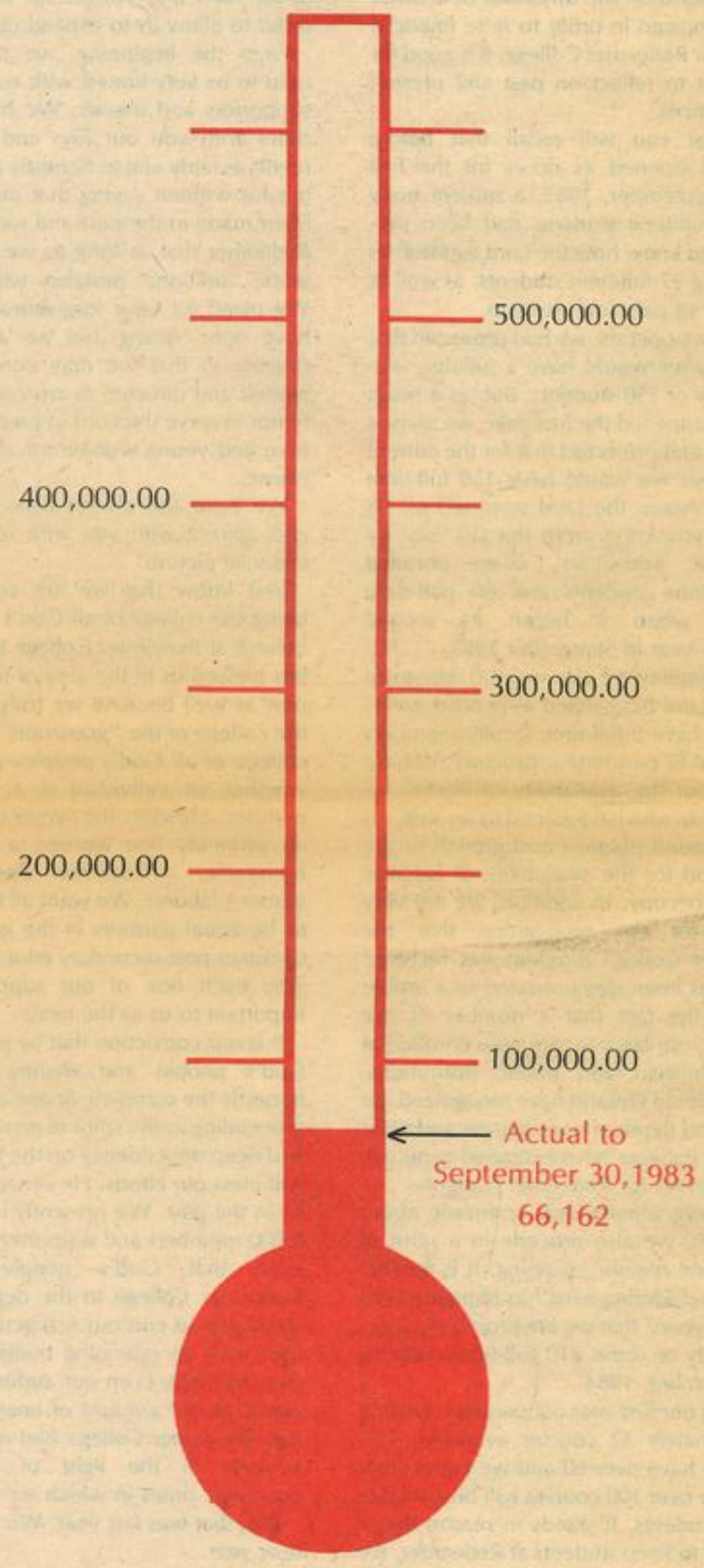
Expenditures to date	$495,750.00
Receipts to date	$258,251.00
Balance (Deficit)	($237,499.00)

Operating Budget ends year in the BLACK

1982-1983 Total Receipts	$1,075,508.00
1982-1983 Total Expenses	$1,008,387.00
Balance $	67,121.00

Financial Facts and Figures

Category	Required 1983-1984	Received July 1, 1983 Sept. 30, 1983	Received 1982-1983
Operating Budget			
membership	$150,000.00	$ 6,200.00	$ 84,090.00
donations	270,000.00	33,792.00	270,959.00
miscellaneous	5,000.00	946.00	11,692.00
Student Aid			
donations	20,000.00	170.00	23,896.00
churches (quotas)	100,000.00	35,409.00	122,467.00
Capital Fund			
donations	100,300.00	26,000.00	56,001.00
loans	110,000.00	47,900.00	202,250.00
Total	$755,300.00	$150,435.00 (20%)	$771,355.00



As you know, Redeemer College is committed to the concept of being a grassroots college, that is, the college of *all* God's people regardless of academic standing or financial success.

To that end, Redeemer College staff members have been busy organizing membership drives in local churches. To date, such drives have been held in close to 100 churches throughout Ontario. Plans are in progress to conduct similar drives in other church communities.

Redeemer College feels that it is responsible and Biblical to approach God's people and ask them to support Redeemer College with a small amount. We ask that supporters and members donate $10.00 a month to Redeemer College. We feel that by asking for this amount, we will not jeopardize or interfere with fund-raising efforts at the local level for the church, the Christian School or the regional Christian High School.

The Lord has blessed our efforts in a beautiful way. The list of members and donators of Redeemer College is now well over 5,500. Literally thousands, even hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised in this way.

It is our intent to go to our supporting constituency in November of each year in order to request individual members and supporters for their support for another year. This will be carried out by means of a massive province-wide campaign to be coordinated through Redeemer College. Ben Stegeman, Assistant Development Director, is responsible to organize all aspects of this campaign.

If you have not supported us in the past, then we will ask you to become a supporter during this campaign.

By means of the thermometer, we intend to keep you informed from issue to issue as to how the drive is progressing. As you can see, during the 1983-84 fiscal year (July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984), we need to raise $540,000. This is in addition to the collection and quota support ($100,000) received from the churches for the student aid fund and for loans ($110,000) necessary for capital purposes. The figure of $540,000 is comprised of $150,000 in membership receipts, $270,000 in donations, $20,000 for the students aid budget, and $100,000 for capital requirements. □

NOVEMBER is REDEEMER MONTH